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Closing Pedestrian Tunnel

The following is a letter which has been sent to the Director of the D.C. Department of Public Works with regard to safety in the 2400-2600 blocks of K St., N.W., and its related ANC Resolution:

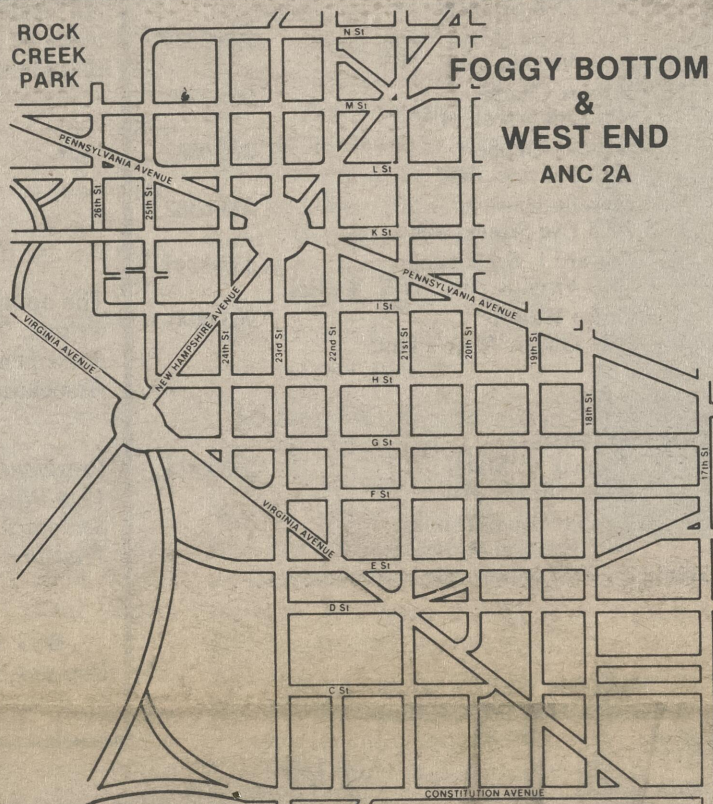
Dear Mr. Touchstone:

At the meeting of ANC 2A on February 13, 1985, the attached resolution was passed. In the resolution, ANC 2A urgently requests, inter alia, that the Department of Public Works:

- (1) close the pedestrian tunnel under K St., N.W. at 26th St., N.W., immediately; and
- (2) lengthen the pedestrian cycle at the traffic light on K St., N.W., at 25th St., N.W., to permit safer pedestrian crossing at that location.

The background to the resolution involves a long series of crimes against persons and property in the vicinity of the pedestrian tunnel, including a recent rape. It is widely accepted by the police and residents that the above tunnel is an important factor leading to these crimes, since it offers easy and surreptitious access for criminals across K St. This is why ANC 2A is requesting the immediate closing of the tunnel.

However, the alternative to using the tunnel is to cross at 25th St., N.W. At the present, the time allotted to the pedestrian cycle for crossing K St., N.W., is much too short. Elderly people and mothers with children find it extremely hazardous to cross in the allotted time, particularly as traffic on the Whitehurst Freeway at 25th St. frequently exceeds speed limits and passes through the red traffic lights. These dangers are in addition to those inherent in the movement of traffic between the Freeway and the service ramps between 25th St., N.W., and Washington Circle. As you no doubt are aware, K St. at 25th St., N.W., is an important pedestrian crossing to reach many sites in the area, such as the Kennedy Center, the restaurants and shops in the vicinity, and Georgetown. Pedestrians using this intersection are not only residents but also a large number of tourists who are particularly endangered as they are unfamiliar with the problems of this intersection.



Meeting

Foggy Bottom Association

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8:00 PM

Guest Speaker
Sam Zagoria

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Mr. Zagoria resigned as a Commissioner of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission two years before the completion of his seven-year term in order to accept the *Post* position. He was appointed to the CPSC by President Carter in 1978.

Earlier he served almost nine years as Director of the Labor-Management Service of the U.S. Conference of Mayors. The organization was established in 1970 to provide leaders of local government with information and education on municipal labor-management relations.

Before this Mr. Zagoria was a member of the National Labor Relations Board, appointed by President Johnson, serving a five-year term from 1965 through 1969. This followed 10 years as administrative assistant to Senator Clifford P. Case (R-N.J.), and 10 years as a reporter and an editor for *The Post*.

In 1954 he was selected a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University. He has also taught part-time at the University of Maryland and American University.

He has written articles for *The Washington Post*, *New York Times Magazine*, *Nation's Cities* magazine, *State Government* magazine, *Columbia Journalism Review*, *Public Management* magazine, and *Labor Law Journal*.

Mr. Zagoria is the editor of the book "Public Workers and Public Unions," published by Prentice-Hall. He contributed a chapter to the book "The Worker and the Job: Coping with Change," published by Prentice-Hall, and a chapter to the book "Collective Bargaining and Productivity," published by the Industrial Relations Research Association. He is the author of a chapter in the book "Developing the Municipal Organization," published by the International City Management Association.

Spring Cleaning Begins

The annual Spring Cleanup begins in Ward 2 this year. Each year, the City sets aside one week for each ward to provide intensive services by the Department of Public Works. The effort is an attempt to clean up simultaneously both public and private spaces. City crews work on public spaces, and citizens are encouraged to clean up the private areas at the same time.

The week for Ward 2 is April 1-5. All items should be put out at the regular collection points by 7 a.m. on Monday, April 1. This includes bulk items which require special trucks. Throughout the week, these trucks, street sweepers, and other Public Works personnel will canvas the entire ward.

But the proven way to accomplish the simultaneous cleanup of public and private spaces is to organize within the neighborhood. Thus far, some fifteen areas have been selected by civic and citizen associations as well as business groups in Ward 2 for organized activities.

These organized efforts will take place on Saturday, March 30. One such effort will be the official kickoff point, in the Northeast section of the ward. During that day and for the following week, priority will be given to these efforts since they involve more comprehensive approaches to cleanup.

Jim Zais, in the Mayor's Office, is negotiating with groups throughout the ward to develop cooperative public/private efforts for March 30. For those in Foggy Bottom who wish to organize for Spring Cleanup, the time is running short but it can still be done. If you are interested, call Jim Zais at 727-6520.

Pedestrian

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At present, pedestrians are given no acceptable choice. They risk mugging or worse if they use the tunnel. They risk injury or worse from vehicles if they use the 25th St. at-grade crossing. Only by making both changes can the crimes be reduced and pedestrian safety enhanced.

ANC 2A residents urgently request that you alleviate our problems and we look forward to early action by your Department.

Yours sincerely,

for the Commission
/s/ Steve Levy
Chairman

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The New Federal Market

by Elizabeth Charette

Life begins at 62 for Henry Kaufman. Last year, he was just one of Al Kaufman's triplets, helping out his father at the Federal Supermarket, a family-owned, family-run supermarket that had been doing business at 2430 Pennsylvania Ave. for 34 years. The family knew and greeted most customers by name, including pensioners, schoolgirls, yuppies, and young families. But this Foggy Bottom institution closed when the building in which it was housed was sold to make way for the Hotel Bristol.

Henry Kaufman and a completely new market, his market, have appeared at 1215 23rd St. You have to walk down a few stairs to find them. The logo is different, the decor is different, and the store is different. It is no longer a supermarket, but a market that includes a grocery, a gourmet shop, a deli and catering service, and a wine shop.

"You may wonder why I'm doing this at my age," says 62-year-old Henry. "But my motto is, 'No guts, no glory.' And — I had a lot of encouragement from my family, friends, the D.C. National Bank, the Oliver Carr Company, and the Richfood coop-

erative. Besides, I'm too young to retire."

He plays tennis twice a week to look and keep fit.

Some faces in the market look familiar. Every morning, 86-year-old Al Kaufman greets customers who have crossed Pennsylvania Ave. to look for him. Steven Schattman, the wine and gourmet buyer, and James Ferrell, the grocery buyer, also worked with the Kaufmans in the old store. Hal Ifshin is the front manager.

Perhaps the biggest attraction, though, is the new deli, run by Ron Hailey (formerly of Sutton Place) and seven helpers. They serve 300 or 400 people each day at lunchtime. They also make 28 kinds of pasta salads and several kinds of fresh pizzas to take home and bake. Pepco, neighboring stockbrokers, and surrounding law offices frequently call them to cater office parties.

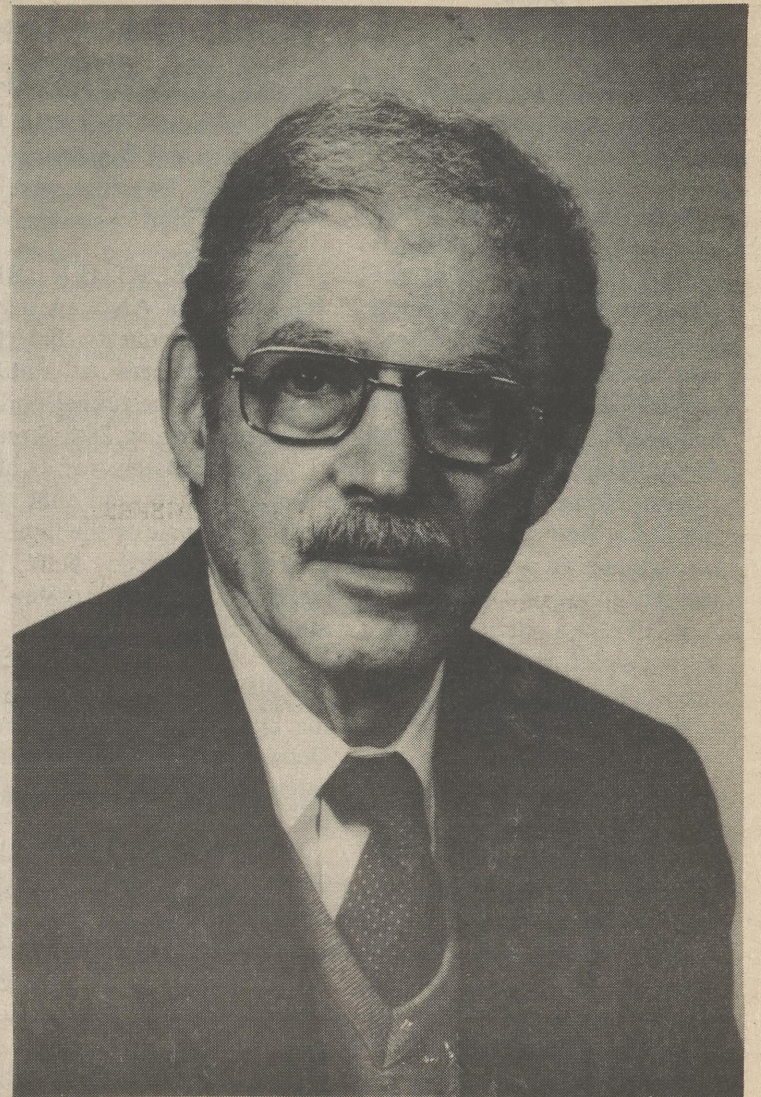
A 20-item salad bar offers a filling lunch for still other hungry customers. Baby ears of corn, melon slices, and artichoke hearts are some of the more unusual salad ingredients on view.

"I enjoy all the action," says Henry. "Except for weekends, we have almost 1,000 people a day coming in. The White House sometimes sends up for odds and ends. Michael Jackson's security people came in

when he was here and gave all our girls at the checkout counter free tickets to his concert.

"I'm proud of what I've done. This is the prettiest market in the city. We're in an Oliver Carr building and my floor tiles match the marble tiles in his lobby. A specially designed logo appears on everything — even on the napkins accompanying the salad trays. Yet my prices are very competitive. Even though we're surrounded by affluence, we're still offering bargains and still interested in offering good value to everyone. We continue to be open every day and we continue to deliver. We haven't forgotten our old neighborhood either. When Mayor Barry visited St. Mary's Court March 7, we sent over a cheese platter."

So Henry Kaufman, born in the old Sibley Hospital, a Coast Guard veteran of World War II, and a Foggy Bottom fan, has not changed as much as Federal's exterior. He and his staff are again willing to give personalized service to all customers. If the elegant Federal Market's friendliness sets the tone for the emerging West End neighborhood, Henry Kaufman has given the community a boost in the right direction.



Henry Kaufman, owner of the new Federal Market

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The Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC-2A) passed the following Resolution #B-1:

WHEREAS the Foggy Bottom and West End ANC is gravely concerned about the crime rate in the neighborhood and considers all possible steps must be taken to reduce it;

WHEREAS the Mayor has endorsed the Neighborhood Watch Program as a means of fighting crime and instructed the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department to work with the Neighborhood Watch groups;

WHEREAS there has been a long series of crimes in the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS an active Neighborhood Watch program has been formed in Foggy Bottom and West End;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Foggy Bottom and West End ANC allocates to the local Neighborhood Watch program its present telephone answering machine and authorizes the purchase of a new answering machine at a cost not to exceed \$150 and sets aside a sum not to exceed \$100 to reimburse the Neighborhood Watch program for publicity and other

related expenses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A hereby urgently requests that the D.C. Department of Public Works close the tunnel under K Street, N.W. at 26th Street, N.W. immediately for public safety purposes and that the pedestrian cycle at the light at 25th and K Streets, N.W. be lengthened to ease crossing at that location.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department to establish more foot patrols in the neighborhood.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A urges construction companies operating in Foggy Bottom-West End to light up the streets around their construction sites.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ANC 2A encourages the local Neighborhood Watch program to take the following steps to promote neighborhood safety:

1. Submit for publication in the next *Foggy Bottom News* a list of names and home phone numbers of captains for all multi-dwelling buildings and residential blocks within the ANC 2A area. At least one captain should be named for each condominium, cooperative, or apartment building as well as for each block with more than several townhouses.

2. Submit for publication in the same issue a list of all buildings and blocks in the ANC 2A area that do not yet have captains and solicit volunteers for captains. Wherever such an effort is unsuccessful, the Neighborhood Watch program should undertake direct publicity in each such building or block. An updated list should then be submitted to the *Foggy Bottom News*.

3. Set a target date in the near future by which all residential streets within the ANC 2A area should be posted with official Neighborhood Watch signs such as those put up by the D.C. Government in other neighborhoods.

4. Publish in the *Foggy Bottom News* a listing of procedures which people should follow if they are the victims of crime.

5. Give serious consideration to the feasibility and advisability of establishing Neighborhood Watch patrols and an escort service in cooperation with the D.C. Metropolitan Police Department, to patrol all residential streets within the ANC 2A area each evening from at least 8-11 p.m.

6. Urge people to leave their outside lights on at night for safety.

7. Report back to the ANC 2A at subsequent meetings on specific steps taken by the Neighborhood Watch to meet these goals.

8. Continue to report all crimes in the *Foggy Bottom News*, including a map to show locations.

ANC 2A Rent-Control Resolution

Thank you for sending copies of your letters and resolutions to City legislators. We are proud to share some of these with you. The excerpt below from Council member Carol Schwartz proves our voices are being heard.

ANC 2A (West End/Foggy Bottom) Resolution, passed unanimously:

WHEREAS a shortage of affordable rental apartments is severe in West End/Foggy Bottom and throughout most of the City; and

WHEREAS the Rental Housing Act of 1980, together with condominium conversion laws, has helped stabilize rents in the remaining rental buildings; and

WHEREAS deteriorating housing is a national problem also experienced in non-rent control cities; and

WHEREAS a rent control phase-out as proposed in Bill 6-88 before a substantial number of new rental housing units are built would destroy the present economic mix of housing in this neighborhood (i.e., single-family homes, condos and affordable apartments); and

WHEREAS "decontrolling" may become a divisive factor in rental buildings, as those long-time residents who remain in rent controlled units will be required to absorb the total cost of increases granted through hardship petitions and other increases beyond the automatic one, as well as increasing the disparity in rents paid by tenants in comparable

units; and

WHEREAS we fear the proposed Tenant Assistance Program (a) will not be approved for funding by Congress, as has been the case in the past, (b) if approved, will not take effect for a considerable period of time beyond vacancy de-control, and (c) that the proposed \$15 million will be inadequate to fund such a program; and

WHEREAS approval of capital improvement requests without hearings for all buildings over 30 years old could adversely affect many rental buildings in our ANC; and

WHEREAS seniors exempt from de-control provisions will find it difficult, if not impossible, to prove discrimination if they cannot find available housing; and

WHEREAS increasing the minimum guaranteed rate of return from 10% to 12% will result in additional hardship petitions which last year resulted in average increases to affected tenants of 55%; and

WHEREAS Bill 6-33 favorably addresses all of the concerns of this ANC:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ANC 2A hereby:

1. Rejects the proposed rent control phase-out bill (6-88) as premature, and non-responsive to the availability of rental housing in ANC 2A; and

2. Supports an extension of the present rent control protections, as proposed by the Clarke bill 6-33.

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ANC from A to Z

MINUTES: Regular monthly meeting of the Foggy Bottom and West End Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC-2A), Held December 12, 1984, at St. Mary's Court, 725 24th Street, N.W.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Molinelli reported that the ANC had a current bank balance of \$15,335.84, which included this quarter's allotment from the city of \$4,900. Reimbursement of \$13.30 to Commissioner Tyler was approved for her transportation expenses.

Comprehensive Plan/Land Use Map: Commissioner Levy reported on the massive lobbying campaign which had been mounted by the ANC's residents, with over 1,000 calls received by the City Council, and that Council Chairman Clarke had called to offer a compromise on which changes he would support, in return for our acceptance. This was in the context of our being unable to be assured of seven votes to amend the bill without Clarke's support, especially since Councilmember Smith had gone to Houston to lobby for a baseball team for DC. The compromise had been accepted provisionally by Levy and then confirmed by the ANC on 12/3/84 in a special emergency meeting convened just prior to the Foggy Bottom Association meeting. Levy thanked Commissioner Tyler for her timely assistance in lobbying the Councilmembers and their staffs on the morning of 12/4/84, the day of the first reading. Chairman Clarke moved the changes which he had agreed to support and these changes were passed unanimously. Commissioner Tyler expressed concern over the provision of city services, illustrated by what she felt was the mishandling, by the city, of the land use element.

George Washington University Historic District: Commissioner Levy reported that the ANC, in a public forum/special meeting on 12/11/84, had listened to the presentation by Ms. Emily Eig of Traceries for a proposed GWU Historic District. Upon consideration of the proposal and listening to the concerns of several nearby residents, the ANC had authorized submission of the proposed application, partially to assure the retention of the low scale and pleasant ambience of the area involved

(Square 102 and a portion of Squares 79 and 80). Mr. Dickman, of GWU, stated the total opposition of the University to the proposed district and that they intended to fight it out all the way.

Cooper Houses: Commissioner Levy reported on the status of the Cooper Houses, located at 2521 and 2523 K St. N.W. The Historic Preservation Review Board had granted the houses Landmark status and had also rejected the request by the new owner, Mr. Donnelly, for a demolition permit. A hearing on Mr. Donnelly's request had been scheduled before the Mayor's Agent for D.C. Law 2-144, to determine whether to grant the requested permit on a hardship basis. This hearing, originally scheduled for 11/30/84, had been continued to 1/7/85. Levy noted that the D.C. Preservation League, formerly Don't Tear It Down, had taken the lead in the case for the community, as it had been the initial application and the ANC had become a co-applicant somewhat later. DCPL was also providing legal representation (Jim Rogers). Commissioner Levy reported that, although the ANC had offered, through the owner's architect Mr. Baranes, to consider variances or special exceptions which would increase the size of any new construction and assure preservation of major elements of the buildings, the owner had never bothered to respond to the ANC offer. Commissioner Levy also noted, and the other members agreed, that it was necessary to oppose the hardship application before the Mayor's Agent. After an initial discussion of whether an additional resolution was required to testify at the hearing, Levy asked that the ANC authorize official representation of its position at the hearing, which the ANC authorized by resolution L-2 (moved/Molinelli; seconded/Tyler; 5-0).

Transportation: Ellie Becker, President of the FBA, reported that she had asked the Department of Public Works to remove the new glass bus shelter at 22nd and G, as it is seldom used, being just a few blocks from the end of the line at the Kennedy Center.

Proposed Easement 2138-2140 F Street: While the ANC, FBA and contract purchaser had agreed to indefinite use of the rear portions of the lots as parking, and a covenant on

the houses on the front portions to keep them purely residential, the BZA had only granted a two-year approval. The ANC approved asking the BZA to reconsider its decision and remove the time limit (moved/Levy - seconded/Rosenbaum; 5-0). Commissioner Levy stated that the ANC would vigorously support the developer in this case because of the benefits to the community, and the good faith agreement which had been reached.

Bristol Hotel: By unanimous consent, the ANC created an ad hoc committee on the Bristol Hotel and Mr. Robert Alcorn was appointed Chairman of that committee (moved/Tyler-seconded/Rigdon; 5-0).

Service of Commissioner Molinelli: On the occasion of his retirement from the ANC, Commissioner Molinelli was commended for his long years of dedicated work for the community (moved/Levy-seconded/Rigdon; 5-0). Commissioner Molinelli was warned that he was going to be drafted to continue his services to the community.

Foggy Bottom/West End Historic Preservation Grant Fund: Commissioner Levy moved that the ANC use the \$5838 thus far received in reimbursement on the Joint FBA/ANC FY84 grant from the Department of the Interior to institutionalize the process of preservation in the Foggy Bottom/West End community. The resolution was opposed by Commissioner Tyler who wanted to limit further funds going to preservation since the work was almost done in the community, and instead supported a non-categorical grant to the FBA so the FBA could work on any community project. FBA President Becker noted that the FBA had volunteered time and effort during the Interior grant as well as extensive space in the *Foggy Bottom News*, because of its commitment to preservation, and that she felt the money should be applied to continuing preservation activities. Commissioners Molinelli and Rosenbaum strongly opposed the non-categorical grant alternative proposed by Commissioner Tyler, as the FBA would have no greater claim on those funds than any other group. The motion to table the resolution until the next meeting failed (moved/Tyler-seconded/Molinelli; Tyler & Molinelli in favor, Rosenbaum opposed, Levy & Rigdon abstaining, 2-1-2). The

motion to call the question passed (moved/Levy-seconded/Rigdon; 4-1, Tyler opposed). Commissioner Tyler asked that it be stated on the record that her opposition is largely because there was insufficient advance notice of the resolution, that constituents should be consulted and that the FBA might need the grant for other purposes than those to which it was limited.

ANC Budget for FY 1985: The ANC approved its proposed budget for FY 1985 (moved/Molinelli-seconded/Levy; 5-0).

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Upcoming ANC Meetings

Tuesday, April 9
Tuesday, May 14
Tuesday, June 11

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Crimewatch

by Bob Alcorn

I am amazed at the great interest shown in the development of the Foggy Bottom-West End Neighborhood Watch program by our local residents since word of the serious crimes in December and January came out. Not only have individuals come forward to help form groups within their buildings or on their blocks, but also my phone has almost rung off its hook with people calling to ask for all the gory details. It is a shame that it took a series of crimes to make people realize that there are and have been problems within our neighborhood, and that we must join forces to do what we can to combat crime in our neighborhood.

We have found that interest and need varies from area to area, so we are in the process of forming small groups within a block or two to discuss problems relative to that area to better minister to the needs of that particular block. Eventually, we will have a block captain who will handle this part of the program. Until that

time we are working, building to building, street to street, and area to area with our ultimate goal being a unified Neighborhood Watch for the entire Foggy Bottom-West End area. Officer Clark and her fellow officers are trying to help wherever they can, but we still have to show them where they are needed. Only by reporting through the system can we build the statistical record necessary for obtaining additional police help.

The ANC has installed an answering machine on my telephone at home (337-5022); and, in spite of an electrical failure within the machine, it should be working properly by the time you read this.

All of the ANC commissioners seem very interested in working to ease the crime problem. . . I know that Mrs. Tyler in my area is venting her full energies to solving those involving the pedestrian tunnel and the stop-and-go lights in the area of the Whitehurst Freeway and the surrounding streets. Messrs. Stamm and

Levy are vigorously working within their areas as evidenced by reports I have heard from their buildings and the University. Others are setting up units on their blocks. Even our newest ANC Commissioner, Sue Schumacher, is publicizing crime prevention throughout her district. Many individuals called me to tell me that she is very specific as to what has to be done, who has to do it, and why.

Another benefit that has been derived from all the problems we recently experienced has been the receipt of a number of calls reporting robberies and incidents that happened within the last six months which callers thought that Neighborhood Watch may not

have heard about (in most cases we hadn't). This gave us a chance to check out records and formulate better plans. We have passed this information on to the area affected, and we do advise others to watch out for similar problems.

We have learned that there have been several robberies in buildings in Columbia Plaza. In one instance the thief entered through an unlocked balcony door. Be sure that when you go to work in the morning, you do check your patio or balcony doors to make sure they are closed and locked. Remember, a thief not only steals your things; but if you live in an apartment complex, he also can rob others in your building by going out

your entrance door. Being on the second floor should not alleviate your worry as thieves have been known to scale walls. It is better to be safe than sorry.

Another interesting fact has recently been disclosed. There have been complaints that small items are missing from cars parked in certain of our apartment house garages. These items range from road maps to pulp novels. Even if you find that you are missing an item of small value, do report it not only to your own building personnel but also to me because it might be the beginning of a trend which could be stopped before it gets out of hand.

See you at the next Foggy Bottom and ANC meetings.

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Governor Shepherd Apartments — Landmark Application

by Steve Levy

The following application is the first by this ANC on any International-style building. Ms. Antoinette J. Lee, the author of the recent series on Foggy Bottom history, together with Richard Stiner, President of the Art Deco Society, did a masterful job of researching and writing this application. While the highly utilitarian approach of International-style architects may not be an individual's favorite, it represents a major trend in twentieth-century architecture; and this early example is endangered by plans of the Pan American Health Organization to construct a modern office building on the site of the Governor Shepherd and the Gulf station.

EDITOR'S NOTE: We are unable to reproduce the application in its entirety at this time but have included some informative portions of the application as follows:

A statement of the prehistoric, historic, architectural and/or cultural significance of the property proposed for designation.

The Governor Shepherd apartment house, located at 2121 Virginia Ave., N.W. (Square 81, Lot 830), is significant for its role as a virtually intact, surviving example of one of the earliest International Style buildings in Washington, D.C. Designed by a well-known architect of the twentieth century, Joseph H. Abel, the Governor Shepherd apartment house was completed in 1938. It antedates what has been commonly cited as the "first International Style building in Washington, D.C., the Longfellow Building at 1741 Rhode Island Ave., N.W., designed by William Lescaze in 1940, completed in 1941, and now much altered from its original appearance. In fact, the Governor Shepherd apartment house is one of the few known pre-World War II, large-scale International Style buildings in Washington, D.C. (The others are 2929 Connecticut Ave., N.W., built in 1936 after designs by Abel; the apartment building at 2407 15th St., N.W., designed by Abel and completed in 1938; and the 1940-1941 Longfellow Building.) Of all the early International Style buildings, the Governor Shepherd is the closest to the downtown core, the area experiencing the greatest change.

The Governor Shepherd is notable for its architect, Abel, whose work in Washington, D.C., spans the period 1929 with the design of the Shoreham Hotel to the mid-1960's, with Van Ness Center. Abel was an architect of national reputation who specialized in modern apartment house design and who deserves recognition for his contributions to the development of Washington. The Governor Shepherd is also significant for the national attention it received from both trade journals and art critics upon its completion.

Site

For nearly half a century, the Governor Shepherd has occupied an important site on Virginia Ave., a major thoroughfare from the Mall to Rock Creek Park. Along this route are located major federal government buildings, such as the Interior Department and the State Department buildings, as well as major twentieth-century apartment buildings, such as Columbia Plaza, Potomac Plaza, and the Watergate.

Because of its location across Virginia Avenue from the State Department (formerly the War Department), the building has provided housing for World War II workers and, later, State Department workers.

The International Style

In designing the Governor Shepherd apartment house, architect Abel demonstrated his allegiance to the new architectural style that swept through the 1930's, the International Style. This style was derived from a number of parallel but separate design experiments of the first decades of the twentieth century in Scandinavia, France, Holland, Germany, and Italy in which visionaries such as Adolph Loos, Le Corbusier, and Walter Gropius blazed the path toward radical functionalism. The buildings designed by these designers and their fellow architects were highly utilitarian and devoid of applied decoration and historical references. The appearance of these buildings depended on the intrinsic elegance of materials, technical perfection, fine proportions, massing, and spatial development and were inspired, in part, by modern industrial structures. This approach to design reflected the architects' search

for a style that best expressed the opportunities made available by twentieth-century technology and building materials. Many of these visionaries believed that only the rationality of functional architecture could inspire a more rational and peaceful world in the twentieth century.

Typical characteristics of International style buildings include cantilevered elements, the lack of any historical references in form and details, horizontal bands, ribbon windows, and stark geometry. During the 1920's and 1930's, the International Style stood at the extreme opposite end from late neoclassicism and other styles derived from historical sources. In retrospect, the middle ground between these two extremes was Art Deco with its radical reinterpretation of stylistic elements from the distant past, e.g., Aztec, Mayan, and Greek. The Art Deco style also embraced the future where streamlining was an outcome of a concern with speed and efficiency. Unlike the International Style designers, Art Deco designers used streamlining as pure decoration regardless of whether or not it served a functional purpose. In designing International style buildings, such as the Governor Shepherd, many architects tended not to be strictly doctrinaire and integrated streamlined Art Deco features in areas where they could be best appreciated, such as the lobby.

Joseph Abel, Architect

The architect of the Governor Shepherd apartment house, Joseph H. Abel, was a pioneer of modern design in Washington, D.C. He was born in the city in 1905 and received his architecture degree from George Washington University. He first worked as an apprentice at the firm of George T. Santmyers during the 1920's and later worked as a draftsman for Arthur B. Heaton. During his career, Abel worked in partnership with Charles Dillon in the firm of Dillon and Abel, with Julian Berla in the firm of Berla and Abel and with Jesse Weinstein in the firm of Abel and Weinstein.

Abel made it clear that the architect was frequently required to compromise ideals with builders. He noted that "the best apartment designs of such 'impractical dreamers' as Le Corbusier and Frank Lloyd Wright have never been built. They are scorned by the 'practical mind' as being hysterical, romantic, fantastic, or impossible." Abel saw himself and

architects like him as mediators who could combine the best of visionary designs with the practicality demanded of developers.

The Governor Shepherd's developer, Joseph McInerney, and architect, Joseph Abel, were eager to make the building a demonstration of up-to-date efficiency and elegance. The design of the building was intended for busy working singles and childless couples, all with little time to devote to maintaining extensive residential quarters. Their promotional literature boasted of "24-hour switchboard service, high-speed self-leveling elevators, parquet floors," and a roof garden with wood trellises. In *Apartment Houses*, Abel revealed that the furniture for the Governor Shepherd's model apartment was "specially designed and made by Arundel Clark, Ltd., of New York City" to include "built-in storage space and book cases beneath the window in the bedroom" as well as twin beds "hinged to the headboard so that they may be easily rolled apart for ease in bed making." For additional convenience, the Governor Shepherd included a beauty parlor and pharmacy in the building on opposite sides of the lobby. In the 1950, the pharmacy was replaced by a restaurant.

Historical and Contemporary Reactions to Governor Shepherd Apartment House

In the May 1941 issue devoted to notable apartment

houses, the *Architectural Forum* lauded the Governor Shepherd with the following statement:

"Washington's chronic housing shortage, now intensified by National Defense, has produced this building to solve a specialized aspect of the problem: the need for small 'efficiency' apartments for childless couples and new government workers who have not yet brought their families to the capital. The solution is both unusual and ingenious. Except in the few instances where separate bedrooms are provided, most of the units have an outside solarium fitted with a closet for a folding bed. Borrowed light from this space illuminates the living rooms . . . Four apartments on each floor have open-air balconies; all are guaranteed through-ventilation by a number of air shafts opening on the central corridor . . ."

The Governor Shepherd is a landmark of early modernist design in the nation's capital. Recognized in major architectural publications as well as in recent scholarship, and reflecting an important achievement in the architectural career of Joseph H. Abel, a pioneer in modernist design in Washington, D.C., landmark and nomination to the National Register of Historic Places.



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Sponsored by the Student Loan Marketing Association (Sallie Mae), the race will benefit the District of Columbia Chapter. Sallie Mae became involved with the race through corporate President Edward A. Fox, a past chairman of the D.C. Red Cross Chapter.

"We feel a 10K race exemplifies the Red Cross commitment to health in the 1980s and is a fun way to raise money to support the many vital Red Cross services in our community," explained race co-chairman Byron Raynie of Sallie Mae.

He added, "With 1985 the 80th birthday of the D.C. Chapter, we plan to double our efforts and, hopefully, raise more money for the Chapter." Some 1,300 people participated in the 1984 race with almost \$5,000 raised for the Chapter. Raynie is hoping for 2,000 runners this year.

Prizes will be awarded to the top male and female finishers, winners in six age categories and the top team finishers. Each runner will receive a Cherry Blossom Chaser singlet. The regular entry fee is \$8. A special race leader entry fee is \$20.

Registration deadline is April 12. To receive a race entry form or additional information call 728-6475.

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Ward Two Meeting On Elderly Draws Capacity Crowd

by Robert C. Brewster

More than 120 people filled St. Mary's Court the evening of March 7 to participate, along with Mayor Marion S. Barry and public and civic officials, in a meeting devoted to the future needs of the elderly.

One of a series of meetings on public issues held in different parts of Ward 2, the meeting was organized by Jim Zais of the Mayor's Office of Community Services, who presided. Gail Walsh, Administrator of the J.B. Johnson Nursing Center, spoke on challenges and future directions in nursing; and Barbara Soniat, from George Washington University's Center for Aging Studies and Services, outlined recent thinking on fulfilling the needs and delivering the necessary services to the elderly. E. Veronica Pace, Director of the D.C. Office on Aging, explained the diverse programs carried out by her office, discussed the Office's budget, and answered

questions about present and future programs. Toward the conclusion of the meeting, Mayor Barry spoke and then responded to questions ranging from the "war on potholes" to zoning issues. The Mayor indicated his awareness of the Foggy Bottom/West End community's concern with the problem of grating people, the expansion of George Washington University and the Whitehurst Freeway.

Among the many from this area attending the March 7 gathering were ANC Commissioners Louis Rigdon, Sue Schumacher, and Geoffrey Stamm; FBA Board Members Bob Charles, Isabella Gelpert, and Grace Watson; Mary Healy, Chairperson of the Advisory Committee for City-wide Neighborhood Beautification; former FBA President Alfred Cottrell; and Joseph Howell, President of the Board of St. Mary's Court.



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The Pedestrian Tunnel at K Street: Close It Up or Fix It Up?

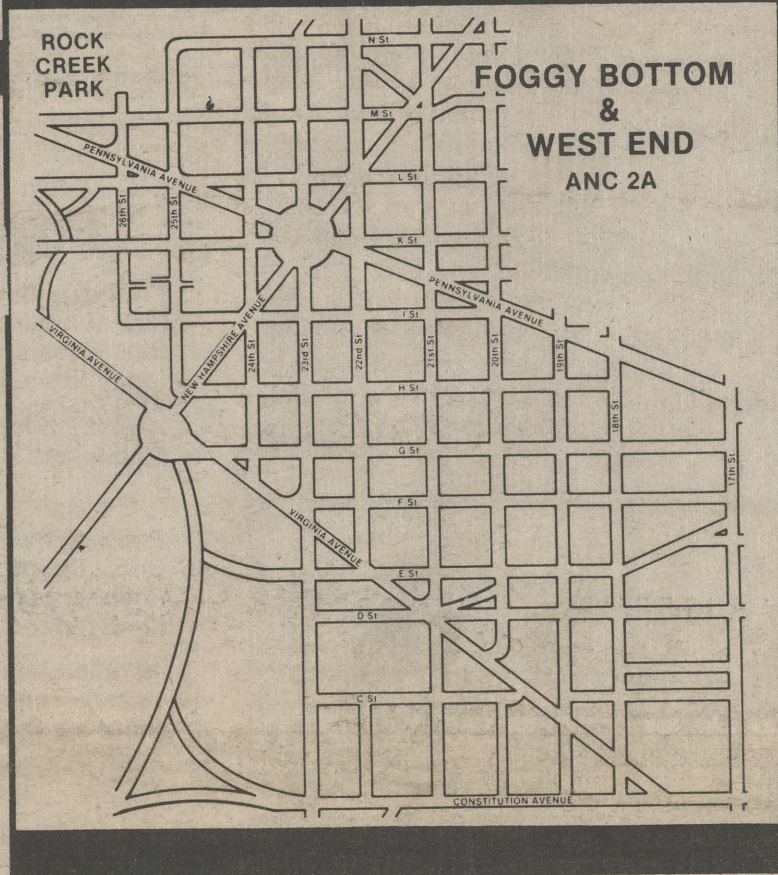
by Robert C. Brewster

In a letter published in the March *Foggy Bottom News*, the Chairman of NAC2A, on behalf of the Commission, asked the Director of Public Works "(1) to close the pedestrian tunnel under K Street, N.W., immediately, and (2) lengthen the pedestrian cycle at the traffic light on K Street, N.W. at 25th St. N.W., to permit safer pedestrian crossing at that location." The *News* also published the text of the ANC resolution in which these two requests were incorporated, a resolution otherwise containing a series of excellent recommendations on curtailing crime and promoting citizens' safety on which all would emphatically agree. But the requests to close the tunnel and simply slow the pedestrian cycle at 25th and K are not in that category.

Certainly everyone who uses the 25th and K crossing as I usually do daily would strongly endorse lengthening the pedestrian cycle: that should be done, now. But it is only one of the things that must be done to make this vital crossing safer. The curb cuts which were erroneously made at the curbs and in the median at the east side of the crossing need either to be closed again or to have signal light controls installed on that side and cross hatching painted on the street to show it is a pedestrian crossing. Signs should be posted on the poles on both sides of the crossing on which the control buttons are located: these controls are almost completely inconspicuous and the uninitiated do not know that they need to push the button and wait-and-wait-and-wait — to get the crossing "WALK" light. The police should expand their recently initiated campaign against red light runners and jay-walkers to include this crossing. The existing cross hatching needs to be repainted. Larger and brighter red stop lights should be installed on the K street sides of the crossing.

But if most of us would agree on these steps to improve the safety of the 25th and K crossing, there is far less consensus on the novel idea of closing the pedestrian tunnel at 26th and K. It is certainly arguable, notwithstanding the statement in the ANC's letter, that "it

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Public Forum on District's Plan for Elderly Set for May 8

by Robert C. Brewster

Foggy Bottom and West End residents are invited to attend the Ward 2 Community Forum on Wednesday, May 8, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon to discuss the District's 1986-88 Plan on Aging. The Forum will be held in Fellowship Hall, First Congregational Church, 945 G Street, N.W. The church is directly across the street from Woodies' North Building and only one short block from the Metro Center stop. It affords easy access to the handicapped from G Street.

The Forum is an opportunity for those interested in both present and planned services available to the elderly to share their views with E. Veronica Pace, Executive Director of the D.C. Office on Aging and her staff, members of the D.C. Commission on Aging, and representatives of the Senior Services Network. Recommendations made to the Forum will be considered for incorporation in the D.C. Plan on Aging which will go to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in support of the District's request for federal funds to assist in carrying out its programs.

One of a series of Forums being held in each part of the city, the meeting on May 8 provides a means for residents of Ward 2, regardless of their age or whether they avail themselves of services to the elderly, to have an input into an increasingly important District program. All are welcome.

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FROM THE EDITOR:

The following letter is an attempt for some accountability on the part of the Department of Public Works with regard to the extraordinary amount of time spent by so many of our neighbors in order to improve the Whitehurst Freeway. I strongly suggest that all of you who contributed your time to this effort also send a similar letter to Mr. Touchstone

March 21, 1985

Mr. J.E. Touchstone
Director
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Subject: Whitehurst Freeway

Dear Mr. Touchstone:

I am one of the Foggy Bottom mothers who tried very hard to have something done to correct the formidable obstacle that the Whitehurst Freeway is in our neighborhood, by testifying, attending meetings and signing petitions.

To avoid the freeway our small daughter walks an extra eight blocks every day when she goes to school. I am naturally interested in finding out whether through our strenuous efforts we achieved anything, but I receive very pessimistic answers such as "nothing," "probably some kind of a token gesture, like longer street lights at the intersection of K and 25th St.," etc.

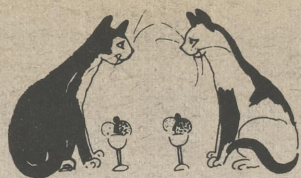
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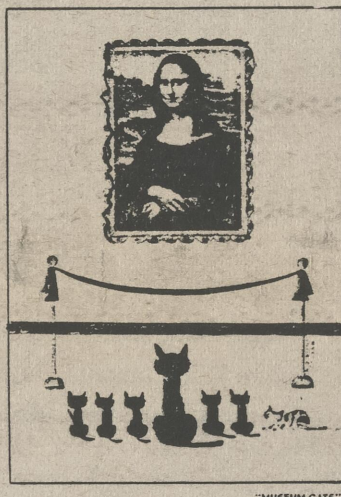
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Source Theatre Company to Present "Winners Repertory" at the Warehouse Rep

The Source Theatre Company will be presenting two past winners of its national playwriting contest in rotating repertory at the Warehouse Rep, 1835 14th Street NW, opening April 26. The two plays are *Ladies' Side* by Alex Finlayson, winner of the contest in 1983, and *The Holy Terrorist* by Howard Roman, winner of the contest in 1981. Performances will continue Tuesday through Sunday at 8:00 until June 2.

Ladies' Side will be co-directed by Margaret Hahn and Genie Barton, both members of the Folger Theatre staff. It is the story of a mysterious death that takes place at a Texas hunting camp overlooking a lake, in the 1950's. The title refers to the sexually segregated side of the camp where the women stayed while the men pursued various forms of leisure. The cast includes Mary Kay Wulf, Deborah Stromberg, Bina Martin, Robin Deck, Constance Fowlkes, and Cliff McMullen. Rosemary Holtz will be designing costumes.

Alex Finlayson is a native of Texas who now lives in Poundling Mill, Virginia, where she is working on a writing career, helping her husband run a vineyard, and raising children. *Ladies' Side* premiered in A Washington Theatre Festival in

July 1983 under the direction of Stephen Hayes, author of Source's fall production of *The Shady Side*.

The Holy Terrorist will be directed by Pat Murphy Sheehy, the Company Manager of the Source Theatre Company. Assisting her will be Rosemary Hartman, General Manager of the Little Theatre of Alexandria. It is an historical drama based on the life of John Brown and his famous raid on Harper's Ferry prior to the Civil War. Bart Whiteman will play the part of John Brown. Also featured in the cast are T.J. Edwards, Bill Hollingsworth, Christi Engel, Beverly Brigham Bowman, and Dick Harrington, all members of Source's resident acting company. Guest artists include Michelle Palermo, Dan Markley, Brian Desmond, Ian Armstrong, and Dick deLaubenfels.

Howard Roman lives in Washington, D.C. and is a former employee of the CIA. *The Holy Terrorist* was first presented as a staged reading at the Martin Luther King Library.

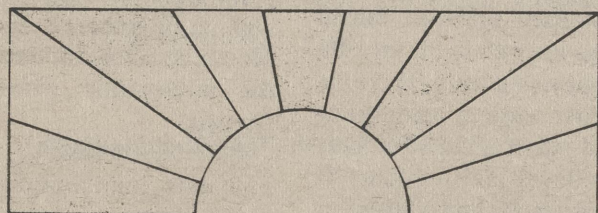
The repertory schedule accompanies this release. Tickets range from \$10.00 to \$13.00 and can be purchased at Ticketplace, Ticketron, Backstage Bookstore, the Source Box Office, or by calling 462-1073 for reservations.



"Survivor"

This interesting photograph, juxtaposing old and new buildings in Foggy Bottom, was recently taken by Heidi Coleman. I thought it might interest readers of Foggy Bottom News. The house is 2013 H Street NW, with the rear of GW's Red Lion Row office building behind it.

—Steve Levy



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OLD BUSINESS

Zoning Committee

1. Francis School. Mr. Robert Dickman of GWU discussed GW's proposal to use the recreation area adjacent to Francis Junior High at 24th and N Streets for inter-collegiate sports, explaining that the University has limited space for field athletics and finds it difficult to meet NCAA standards. The University would build two tennis courts, a soccer field, and a softball field and maintain them at its own expense. In return, GWU would have use of the fields and courts in the Spring and Fall (during set times) for its inter-collegiate sports program.

There was a discussion of the proposed leasing arrangements, the schedule for GW use, and the impact on the neighborhood. Commissioner Levy requested that the Department of Recreation take an additional month to study the lease and to allow time for GW to reply to the questions raised by the concerned residents living nearby and their ANC Commissioner from ANC-2B, John Hockett, relating to parking problems, nighttime use of lights, conduct of sports clinics for neighborhood children and greater access for the community to the facilities during certain days/hours.

2. Report on GWU Medical Clinic Expansion (H.B. Burns Building). Mr. James Draude, President of the President Condo Association, reported that the Association opposes GW's plans to expand the clinic and wants their application sent back to the Zoning Administrator. The Board of Zoning Adjustment has not yet scheduled a hearing.

3. Revenue Bond Issue for GWU Medical School Expansion (Bill 6-166). Mr. Draude, as spokesman for the President Condo Association, reported that his Association objects to the height and scale of the proposed addition to the medical school and GW's plan to build it on Square 75, adjacent to the President Condominiums. Mr. Draude asked that ANC-2A go on record as being opposed to the issuance of revenue bonds to help finance the project. There was a discussion of the issues involved, including the possibility that the building could be placed on Square 40. A resolution was passed opposing use of the bonds for the project as long as GWU intends to build on Square 75. The resolution was passed 5-0, with Commissioner Tyler abstaining.

4. Report on Blackies' Warehouse Application. Commis-

sioner Rosenbaum reported that the hearing on the application has not yet been rescheduled.

5. Governor Shepherd Apartment. Commissioner Levy reported that Whyane Quinn had called him to ask if the ANC's landmark application would be withdrawn if the developer agreed to incorporate architectural elements from the building's facade into the new structure or if the material to be used for the new facade was changed. Commissioner Levy replied that the ANC would not be willing to discuss either proposal, short of incorporating basically the entire facade of the Governor Shepherd into a new, compatibly-designed structure.

Environmental Services and Public Safety Committee

6. Report on the Mayor's Proposal on Corrections. Former Commissioner Molinelli reported on a meeting with the Mayor in which the Mayor stated that he favors the construction of a new prison in the District. The Mayor has also asked for a study of the "street people" problem.

Transportation Committee

7. Resolution Regarding the Virginia Avenue Barricades. Commissioner Tyler reported that traffic signs at 25th and Eye Streets had been vandalized and that she is setting up a Neighborhood Watch group to deal with this problem. Commissioner Tyler then read a resolution which she had drafted for ANC consideration listing pedestrian difficulties with traffic at 24th Street and Virginia Avenue and suggesting ways in which the situation could be improved. After a discussion of the issues raised by the draft resolution, an amended version of the resolution (requesting, among other things, modification of the Department of Public Works study) was passed by a vote of 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

8. Announcements and Comments. Commissioner Schumacher reported getting a call that a street person was harassing a grocery store clerk. Another incident involving the harassment of guests at the Foreign Service Club was also reported to her. The police quickly responded to her calls on both incidents.

9. Contribution to Iona House. A motion to make an unrestricted grant of \$75 to Iona House was passed 6-0.

Zoning Committee

10. BZA Case #14279 (1117 New Hampshire Avenue). The owner of the property presented his case for demolishing the residence on the site in order to build a ten-story condominium. The new structure will be a "sliver building," since the lot is only 18 feet wide. Commissioner Rosenbaum commented that it will provide additional housing in the West End. The Commission passed a resolution by a vote of 6-0 expressing support for the project and for the granting of the requested zoning variances. Commissioner Levy asked that a covenant specifying residential use be included and the owner (James Gross) agreed to this.

11. BZA Case #14623 - 2029 K Street. The Commission considered the owner's proposal to add an 8th story to the building, in addition to cleaning the facade and preparing plans for retail use on the street floor. Commissioner Rosenbaum expressed support for the project, with the proviso that "sex shops," fast food franchises and amusement arcades be barred from the retail space.

Agreeing that the proposed renovation would be an improvement, the Commission voted 6-0 in favor of a resolution supporting the owner's zoning application.

12. BZA Case #14275, GWU Parking Lot, 2200 Eye Street, N.W. The Commissioners decided that the ANC would not take a position on this case.

OTHER

13. C&P Rate Increase. Commissioner Levy reported that the C&P Telephone Company has filed an application with the Public Service Commission for a rate increase and discussed the increase requested by the C&P. The ANC voted 6-0 to pass a resolution expressing strong opposition to the rate increase and supporting the request of the People's Counsel that the C&P application be dismissed without a hearing.

14. Anti-Apartheid Resolution. Commissioner Levy proposed that the ANC pass a resolution supporting the anti-apartheid efforts of ANC-1C. The resolution was passed 6-0.

Boat House Art School

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Beverlee Ahlin is the founder and a director of the Boat House Art School. She shares the directorship with David Daniels.

Beverlee, Boston U., GWU-Fine Arts, is an award-winning watercolor painter and muralist. Her work has been exhibited and juried nationally. She is an Associate of the American Watercolor Society, Provincetown Art Association, and the Aero Club of Washington. David, CMU, MS-Art Education, has been an art instructor for 15 years. His watercolors have been exhibited in solo and group shows and are in private and corporate collections. David's credits include national magazine covers. He is a member of the Washington Watercolor Association.

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Mr. Intrigue Relocates

Peter LaRicos, owner of the Intrigue Restaurant for the last 10 years, wishes to invite his many friends from Foggy Bottom, stars of the Kennedy Center and friends from Capitol Hill to his new location



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Crimewatch

by Bob Alcorn

Over the past months there have been numerous in-house petty thefts in an array of downtown or center city apartment complexes. They all have been similar in detail whether rental or condo and all of them have posed problems to tenants, resident managers, and police alike. The fact that tenants realized the importance of reporting the thefts to resident managers or boards as well as to the police shows that awareness of the impact of such crime on neighbors has developed.

Police detectives who are experienced in dealing with such trends can often advise boards or management how to take preventive measures to prevent additional crimes and can quickly find the culprit before he or she can do more damage. In December, Potomac Plaza Terraces on 24th Street fell prey to this situation. Working together the building crimewatch, the board of directors and several of the residents discussed the situation, called me for advice and acted immediately. By talking to our friend, Officer Clark, they were referred to Detective Ted Bell who immediately went to work on the problem. He investigated the scene and caught the culprit. I recently had a letter from Christopher Webster of the Terraces telling me that they have not had any subsequent problems and will maintain vigilance to prevent similar incidents from happening in the future.

I am sharing this information with my readers in order to tell you that Neighborhood Watch can work in apartment

houses very well. We have proved that fact in the Swarthmore and we now have testimony from the Terraces. I am told that Potomac Plaza has sent out notices to each of its residents warning them to be on the lookout for similar problems and how to maintain security. Pennsylvania House at 2424 Pennsylvania Avenue is still maintaining vigilance under the guidance of Mrs. Arnold.

No matter how well planned an apartment house is or how much security has been put into practice or how careful everyone is, there is still a margin for security problems. I have often heard from apartment residents how afraid they are of a particular area in the building and yet their own building does not have a method of Neighborhood Watch. Crime Tips: It is easy for a thief or robber to come indoors through a back door left open by accident. Then it is an easy matter to locate those doors left open while residents have gone to the trash room. A first floor window left open while you are away is an open invitation for someone to enter, go through your home, and go out into the building through your front door. Watch out!!

I have asked your local ANC's to help me get names of people interested in the Watch program from the various buildings. As soon as we get a full block of names we will get a sign depicting the neighborhood watch symbol. Do help us and thereby help yourself. See you at the next ANC and Foggy Bottom meetings?

A Friend Moves — To Another FB Location

By Mary E. Healy

Peter LaRicos, owner and operator of The Intrigue Restaurant at 824 N.H. Ave. for the past ten years, has moved his business to another location in Foggy Bottom. Peter has taken over the Black Horse Tavern at 1236 20th Street where he will continue to serve excellent continental cuisine. Peter tells me that he has several party and meeting rooms and that he will now be able to better handle some of our requirements with the same personal touch that he had for in-

dividual patrons. A key plus to the BHT is ample parking. And, together with all this, there is live music in the evenings — another variety in the Bottom.

Peter has been a good ad customer for the *Foggy Bottom News* and will continue to ad at his new Black Horse Tavern (see ad this issue). We want to take this opportunity to thank Peter LaRicos for his community efforts in the past; he was a supporter of our Spring Fling Block Parties and our Octoberfest gatherings, as well as an active supporter of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. We wish you luck, Peter, in your new location and I'm sure that you will see many of your "old" patrons in the near future.

The Metropolitan Opera to Perform at Kennedy Center

The Metropolitan Opera's week-long engagement at the Kennedy Center, May 27 through June 1, during which six operas are performed at the Opera House, brings the Met's annual spring tour to a triumphant finale.

Wagner's ravishing fable *Lohengrin* is the only opera to be performed twice during the Washington run. It opens the Met engagement on Monday, May 27, with Edward Sooter as the mythical knight, Teresa Kubiak as Elsa, and Mignon Dunn and Donald McIntyre as the scheming Ortrud and Telramund. The opera is repeated on Thursday, May 30, with several exciting cast changes including Lucine Amara as Elsa and Morley Meredith as Telramund. Both performances of *Lohengrin* are conducted by Jeffrey Tate, the new principal conductor of the Royal Opera, Covent Garden, and of the Geneva Opera as well.

Tate is also the conductor of Mozart's witty comedy *Così fan tutte* on Wednesday, May 29. The cast consists of Carol Vaness and Diane Kesling as the sisters Fiordiligi and Dorabella; David Rendall and Brian Schexnayder as their lovers Ferrando and Gug-

lielmo; and Mariella Devia as Despina and Cornell MacNeil as the wise Don Alfonso.

Santi also conducts Verdi's *Rigoletto* on Tuesday, May 28. The renowned Italian baritone Aldo Protti, making his long-awaited Met debut this season in this role, stars as the hunchback jester with Mariella Devia as his daughter Gilda and Dano Raffanti as the playboy Duke.

The sixth Met production, presented at the matinee on Saturday, June 1, is the lavish Zeffirelli staging of Puccini's *La Bohème*, conducted by Eugene Kohn and sung by Catherine Malfitano as Mimi, Ermanno Mauro as Rodolfo, Washington's own Myra Merritt as Musetta and Brent Ellis as Marcello.

The Metropolitan Opera's annual spring tour is made possible in part by a major grant from Merrill Lynch.

The curtain times for the week of performances are evenings at 8 p.m., with the exception of the May 27 and May 30 performances of *Lohengrin* which are at 7 p.m., and Saturday matinee at 2 p.m.

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Carol Vaness returns as Pushkin's tragic Tatiana on Saturday evening, June 1, in Tchaikovsky's greatest operatic score, *Eugene Onegin*. The powerful title role is sung by Victor Braun, while Lenski, Onegin's doomed friend, is performed by David Rendall. Paul Plishka is Prince Gremin and Isola Jones rounds out the cast as Olga. The performance is conducted by Thomas Fulton.

Verdi's *Simon Boccanegra* is a magnificent new production, a handsome staging from Chicago which the *New York Daily News* described as "atmospheric and grandiose." Italian Nello Santi, a veteran conductor of the Metropolitan, leads the great Verdian baritone Sherrill Milnes as the tormented father and ruler in the title role, American soprano Aprile Millo as Amelia, the role with which she made her Met debut this season, Vasili Moldoveanu as Gabriele Adorno and Paul Plishka as Jacopo Fiesco on Friday, May 31.

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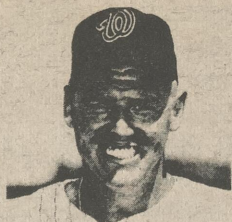
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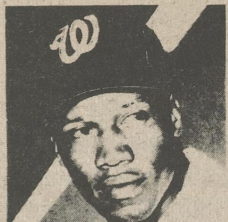
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Fourth Annual Soggy Bottom Babies Easter Egg Hunt



Mary Bruce and her mommy, Chief Easter Bunny Maryanna Kieffer.

The fourth annual Soggy Bottom Babies Easter Egg hunt was held on Saturday, April 8 in the neighborhood playground on 26th Street at Queen Ann's Lane. This year more than one hundred plastic eggs filled with small toys were hidden in the playground. The finder of the special silver egg, four-year-old Laura Bruce, won the grand prize. Laura and her good friend William Cahill-Zelinka, also four years of age, were both dressed as Eastern bunnies and assisted Laura's mommy, Maryanna Kieffer who was once again Chief Easter Bunny.

Other participants in the hunt were: Charles (age 4), and Marisa Rainey (age 1½), Jeanne Chabrier (age 3½), Whitley (age 3) and Mary Campbell Herndon (age 1) and their cousins who were visiting, Win Joesting (age 3), Willis Van Devanter (age 2½), Richard Danker (age 2), Mary Bruce (age 1½), Jacqueline Sheppard (age 2½), Cezanne (age 5) and Zola Exekiel (age 2) who were visiting their grandmother and several other guests and children who were new to the neighborhood.

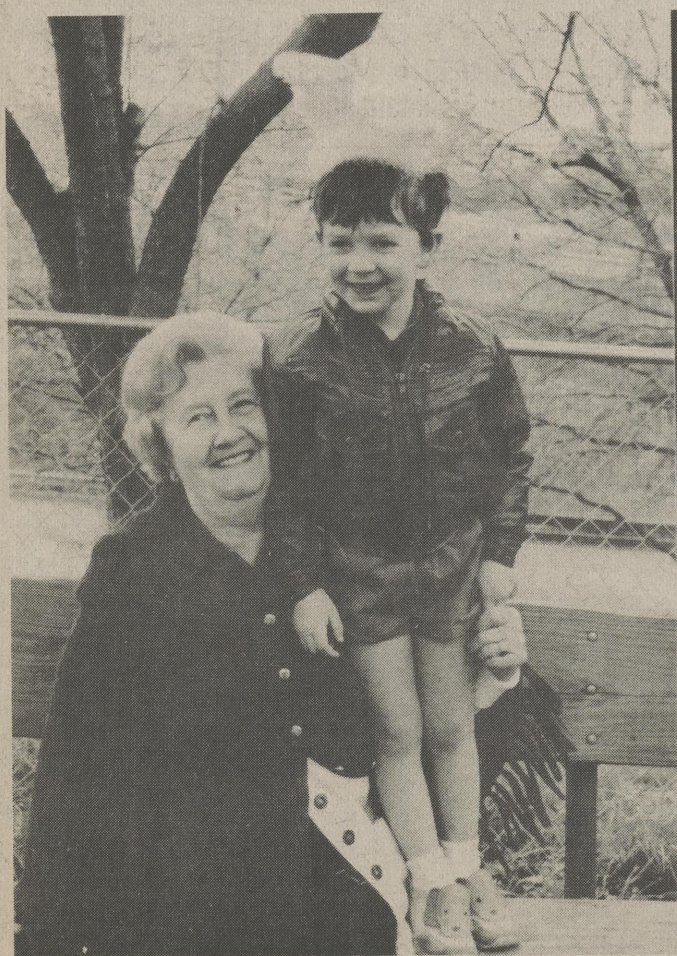
A special friend of all of the children, Billy Teel (age 12) supervised the hunt from his perch, high in a tree. See related photographs on this page for a real view of the festivities.



Jean Chabrier and William compare their egg treasures.



Assistant Easter Bunny Laura Bruce with Cezanne and Zola Ezekiel.



Assistant Easter Bunny William Cahill-Zelinka and his Nana Mary Ann Zelinka.



The start of the hunt!

A Pedestrian Tunnel

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is widely accepted by the police and residents that the above tunnel is an important factor leading to these crimes, since it offers easy and surreptitious access for criminals across K Street." If the police have so concluded, they have not informed the community nor have they initiated action themselves to close the tunnel. ANC Commissioners present at the Foggy Bottom Association meeting March 25 when the tunnel closure was discussed were asked about evidence to support this claim and offered none. As for "surreptitious access," no one needs to bother with the tunnel for that — just walk under the K Street bridge. The idea that being able to get easily across, or under, K Street fosters crime is debatable, to say the least. We have been urging that the portion of Whitehurst Freeway from Washington Circle to 27th Street be depressed — made a tunnel — and covered over: would the easy access back and forth across K Street which this would permit encourage crime? If the ability to move around in Foggy Bottom and West End encourages crime, should we not be seeking to close off other streets, alleys, walks, etc.? The problem is not the tunnel but the city's failure to improve security generally in that area by cutting down trees, installing upgraded lighting, and dealing effectively with the people who congregate under the K Street bridge and who may well be the real problem.

The tunnel is now admittedly an eyesore. Despite monthly and sometimes weekly requests over a period of more than a year, nothing has been done to repair and maintain it. It continues to deteriorate. Lights have disappeared, handrails have been removed, stairs are crumbling, and tiles are falling (or being torn) off. But people continue to use it because it fulfills a need.

Whether to close or repair the pedestrian tunnel at K and 26th Streets is a decision in which the Foggy Bottom and West End community at large should be widely consulted. Although I was not in Washington at the time, I am told that the proposal to close the tunnel was not specifically referred to in the posted agenda of the ANC meeting at which the resolution was adopted nor could it have been reasonably inferred from the listed agenda topic. The Foggy Bottom Association meeting on April 29 will provide a further opportunity to discuss the problem and one on which adequate notice will have been given. If the Department of Public Works decides to act on the ANC's request to close the tunnel, it ought to consider a public hearing first so that residents, including those of the new Griffi condominium on which construction is now being completed at the corner of the 26th and K, may be heard. In short, the tunnel question needs more input, more discussion, and more consideration.

In my view we need *both* an improved tunnel at K and 26th and an improved crossing at K and 25th; we should insist on both; and neither should be held hostage to or sacrificed to the other.

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